of Andhra Pradesh alongwith borders of Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Border Roads Organisation is not laying roads in the forest areas of Andhra Pradesh.

Discontentment among Defence personnel over Fifth Pay Commission report

1825. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that great discontentment is brewing among the Defence services personnel over the Fifth Pay Commission's recommendations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the measures Government propose to take to tackle the matter especially in view of the fact that young persons in substantial number are not coming forward to join Defence services and large number of the vacancies in the commissioned cadres are lying unfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Government have received the representation of the three Services on the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission. Their view points will receive due attention from the Government while deciding upon the recommendations of the Fifth Pay Commission.

भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के लिए नई योजना

1826. **श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:** क्या रक्षा मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने भूतपूर्व सैनिकों के लिए और अधिक रोजगार के अवसर सृजित करने हेतु कोई नई योजना बनाई है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस समय देश में कुल कितने भूतपूर्व सैनिक हैं, और 1996-97 के दौरान कितने लोगों को रोजगार दिया जाएगा?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एन० वी० एन० सोमू): (क) से (ग) भूतपूर्व सैनिकों का पुनर्वास एक लगातार चलते रहने वाली प्रक्रिया है। कई योजनाएं पहले ही लागू की गई हैं। इन योजनाओं में सरकारी नौकरियों के आरक्षण, एवं रोजगार उद्यम लगाने के लिए ऋण/वित्तीय सहायता दिया जना, सेवानिवृत्ति अथवा सेवामुक्ति के पश्चात् रोजगार पाने की योग्यता को बढ़ाने के लिए प्रशिक्षण कार्यक्रम, युद्ध में वीरगति प्राप्त सैनिकों की पत्नियों, युद्ध के दौरान निशक्त हुए सेना कार्मिकों आदि के लिए तेल उत्पाद एजेंसियों के आबंटन में आरक्षण, भूतपूर्व सैनिक निगमों, भूतपूर्व सैनिक कोयला एवं तरल पेट्रोलियम गैस परिवहन एजेंसियों के माध्यम से रोजगार के अवसर, आदि संबंधी योजनाएं शामिल हैं। पूनर्वास महानिदेशक भी विभिन्न सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों और निजी संगठनों में भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को नियुक्त करने वाली सुरक्षा एजेंसियों को प्रायोजित करते हैं।

2. 30 सितंबर, 1996 की स्थिति के अनुसार देश के विभिन्न जिला सैनिक बोर्डों में कुल 13,38,200 भूतपूर्व सैनिक पंजीकृत थे। प्रतिवर्ष औसतन 15-16 हजार भूतपूर्व सैनिक सरकारी नौकरियों में पुनर्नियुक्त किए जाते हैं अथवा स्वरोजगार योजनाओं के माध्यम से उनका पुनर्वास किया जाता है। वर्ष 1996-97 के दौरान जिन भूतपूर्व सैनिकों को रोजगार दिया जाएगा उनकी ठीक-ठीक संख्या बता पाना संभव नहीं है।

Increase in the rent for the land used by Defence forces in Jammu and Kashmir

1827. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN-SHARIQ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering increase in the rent of the land which have come under the use of Defence forces in Jammu and Kashmir from 1947;

(b) if so, whether the rent has been paid to the land owners according to the present market rates;

(c) the number of rent claims of the same nature pending before his Ministry and the total amount involved in the

pending claims; and

(d) whether Government would make the payment of the arrears including the interest on it; if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) and (b) Government of India revise the rent of requisitioned/hired land in Jammu and Kashmir when the State Government issues notification revising the rates of rent. On 24th August, 1995 Government of India sanctioned payment of revised rent with effect from 16.2.1993 as per rates notified by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir. The arrears of rent at the above revised rates have not been fully paid for want of sufficient funds.

(c) and (d) No claim is pending before the Ministry. However 17 claims are under examination with the Director General, Defence Estates. The exact amount payable is being assessed. Interest is not payble on such amount of rent. Payment will be made as soon as adequate funds are made available.

Payment of rents for buildings used by Security Forces in Jammu and Kashmir

1828. SHRI SHARIEF-UD-DIN-SHARIQ: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of school buildings, industrial establishments/buildings are under the occupation of Security Forces in the valley of Kashmir;

(b) whether the rent is being paid to the owners or the State Government for these buildings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) When troops are deployed on internal security duties for combating insurgency the Government of Jammu and Kashmir allocate buildings for their use. Since counter insurgency operations are dynamic in nature, the deployment of troops is changing constantly depending on the ground situation. Therefore, the locations of buildings temporarily occupied also change constantly. Thus the exact figures of such building are not available. The responsibility for payment of rent for these buildings rests with the State Government. Whenever army is deployed for border security and has occupied any building requisite rent is paid.

The details of buildings under occupation of other security forces and para military forces and payment of rent for such buildings are being ascertained from the concerned authorities.

Firing by Pak army on residential area of Poonch

1829. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pak army had fired five rockets in residential areas of Poonch in Jammu and Kashmir violating the International and Human Right Rules during December, 1996;

(b) if so, Government's reactions in the matter; and

(c) the steps taken to protest on such a serious matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU): (a) to (c) Pakistani troops had resorted to unprovoked firing of rockets in the area of Poonch, in December, 1996. There were no casualties. Appropriate and adequate military response is given by the Indian Army, whenever necessary, to firing by the Pakistani troops. Weekly telephonic conversations between the Indian Director General of Military Operations and his pakistani counterpart, and local level flag meetings, are also utilised to convey our concern over such incidents.